

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 5:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chairwoman Linda Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Linda Hudson; Commissioner Edward Becht; Commissioner Thomas Perona

Absent: Commissioner Rufus Alexander; Commissioner Reginald Sessions

Staff Present: City Manager Robert Bradshaw
City Attorney Robert Schwerer
City Clerk Linda Cox

Commissioner Reginald Sessions arrived at 5:33 p.m.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - none present.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proposal from Cardno TBE Addressing Contaminated Soil Remediation Work at the H.D. King Site - City Engineer.

City Engineer and Project Manager Jack Andrews appeared and presented a proposal for the \$1.3 million for the removal of 9,000 tons of materials to be disposed of at the Okeechobee landfill. Upon disposal the trucks will be cleaned, if necessary, and inspected before new fill will be delivered to the site from the Indian Hills Recreation area.

Mr. Nick Mimms stated Cardno TBE would be responsible for completing all testing to insure no contamination or impacted soils are on site upon completion.

The work is scheduled to be completed by July and this will conclude the work that can be done in 2014. The whole project should be complete by May 2015.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the proposal with Cardno TBE.

AYE: Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Chairperson Linda Hudson

Passed

- B. Approve Submittal of Grant Application to Conduct Brownfield Testing at 301 Florida Avenue - Deputy City Manager / Grant Writer

Ms. Libby Woodruff appeared with a recommendation the board approve the submittal of the grant application.

The EPA awarded this grant for \$1 million to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to be divided among 4 recipients designating the funds for assessments. This grant expires in September with a remaining balance for the city in the amount of \$21,000.00. It was stated the City should use these funds by June or stand to lose the remaining grant money. Ms. Woodruff stated this is an application, a formality, to get to the funding that is available to us.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Thomas Perona to approve the grant application for Brownfield testing.

AYE: Commissioner Thomas Perona, Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Chairperson Linda Hudson, Commissioner Edward Becht

Passed

- C. FPRA Sale to County of Property Located at 1401 North 2nd Street - City Attorney

City Clerk, Linda Cox, read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Attorney, Rob Schwerer, appeared with a recommendation of approval. He stated this is a housekeeping matter, the sale was previously approved and the Resolution is required for closing on the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Edward Becht, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Sessions to approve.

AYE: Commissioner Reginald Sessions, Commissioner Edward Becht, Commissioner Thomas Perona, Chairperson Linda Hudson

Passed

9. CONSENT AGENDA

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Mimms has been working with the CRA Advisory Committee and their recommendations will be presented at the April 21, 2014 meeting for the different properties that we have within the FPRA boundaries. We have taken full possession of the Percy Peak Stadium, staff is working with other community organizations to look at continuing our commitment to youth development in our community.

Mr. Schwerer stated they have received loan documents for Loan #2 from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council that will be circulated to staff. The loan documents are in draft form presently but should be wrapped up sometime in April. An email will be sent with multiple attachments.

11. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Becht wanted it on the record that FPUA is 100% on board with what is going on with the property and Cardno, Mr. Mimms assured him they were. He also questioned if it was determined with the voting on the FPUA Board whether the Chair would always be the last vote. On a controversial vote the Chair may want to go last.

Commissioner Perona called Mr. Thiess on the same question as Commissioner Becht, he stated he has reviewed all the issues and the proposal is not strange to him. The Utility Authority is excited about moving forward.

Mr. Mimms responded to Commissioner Sessions' concern about the gymnasium being vacant; he envisions this building as another outlet for P.A.L. and their objectives. Next week there is a meeting with the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief and the Director of Public Works to discuss how we improve our youth development, mentoring and recreation opportunities. By the City managing the facility, we are able to work with agencies that have contacted us requesting to schedule special events. We can make sure that it is not closed off to the community as it had been previously, we can make this a positive.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Hudson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CHAIRPERSON